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Original Patent Application

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TOWEL OR BLANKET WITH INTEGRAL CARRYING CASE

the specification of which

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application No. 60/140,235 filed June 21, 1999.

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